



3RD SUNDAY

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Saint Mary Magdalen

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 pm (also Livestreamed) • Sunday 9 & 11 am

Weekday Liturgies: Mon., Tues., Wed. 9am No Liturgy Thurs. or Fri.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3-4pm

Infant Baptism: Contact Erin Wolfe baptisms@saintmarymagdalen.org

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact the office at least nine months prior to wedding date.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23: The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile. Today's reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reasons for the Babylonian exile and tells how the exile ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish Bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we will hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

Ephesians 2:4-10: Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today's passage reminds us that salvation is God's gift alone. "Gift" is the root meaning of the word "grace."

John 3:14-21: Nicodemus is a Pharisee and a leader in the Jewish community. He comes to Jesus at night, probably because he does not yet belong to the light. He addresses Jesus as "Rabbi" or "Teacher" who has come from God. Jesus responds by noting the necessity of being "born from above" if one is to see the Kingdom of God.

Reflect: When is it difficult for you to believe?

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

Monday, March 8

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

9:00 am +Brendan Keating

Tuesday, March 9

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

9:00 am +Floyd Drouillard

Wednesday, March 10

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

9:00 am +Tom Rosenbergh

Thursday, March 11

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 12

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 13

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

4:30 pm +Rita Charron

9:00 am +Mark Francis

11:00 am The People of St. Mary Magdalen

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR

John and Janice Finn and family
in the death of their nephew,
Hudson DeWeese.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF:

George Banaszak, Sue Binder, Michael Bitterle, Lucas Cauley, Keith Craffey, Bill Cuellar, John Davidson, Caleb Decker, Karoline DeRosia, Cienna Ditri, DuRussel Family, David Duenas, Marie Edwards, Jeff Fritz, Mary Lea Gehring, Kathy Hershberger, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Erica & Emilia Grace Huddas, Kathy Jagusch, Sue Karnes, James Kudlarek, Mary Keating, Mark Koprowicz, Maria Kottke, Audrey Kovanda, Alan Laginess, Herb Langer, Alexis Liske, Gary March, Janet Milo, Linda Molitoris, Diane Morrison, Mona Nesan, Paul Nesan, George Nesan, Ryan Olsem, Stella Paweski, Sawyer Ann Perusse, Carolyn Phillips, Kathy & Tony Riccardi, Donna Rushak, Marino Sarti, Dave & Judy Scharf, Marny and Gene Stuart, Cindy Sultana, Marylyn Trader, Michelle Turner, Dan Tuthill, Linda Vanootighem, Sarah Williams, Ellie Yaworsky, Tom Zremski, Kim, Kyle and Richard K.

May they be fully restored to good health and comforted at this time.

Important Note About our Prayer List

The names of the sick will run in this column for 6 weeks, at which time they will be removed. To add, re-list, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624.

Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

March 7—March 13

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| Sunday | Dennis Wagener |
| Monday | Valerie Maravolo |
| Tuesday | Barb and Joe Kowal |
| Wednesday | Diane Olsem |
| Thursday | Pat and Bob Metz, Anna DeMonaco |
| Friday | Marilyn and Dan VanTiem |
| | Mary Jo Cubr |
| Saturday | Volunteer |

LOWERY'S LINES



Lent Week 3

During the season of Lent I am going to attempt to preach a "series" of homilies, but if you do miss one of the series, you will not be left behind. I hope that together we can walk through each Sunday of Lent keeping in mind an old idea about which Blaise Pascal wrote. He wrote about how each of us has a God-shaped hole in each of our hearts.

This weekend I'll be focusing on the gift of obedience that God offers us to fill our God-shaped hole. Obedience, though, is not blindly following commands. The word obey means "to listen," but is deeper than lips speaking to ears. The gift of obedience that God offers us is one in which heart speaks to heart.

Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation Day – Monday, March 22, 9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

I will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation all day on Monday, March 22. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the worship space all day during this time as well. *Just like during Advent, you will need to sign-up for a time slot.* Sign-ups will begin next week and be available in the gathering space, online, and by calling the parish office. If you cannot come on Monday, March 22, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3-4:00 p.m., and by appointment.

Reopening

It has been refreshing and encouraging to see people returning for in-person Liturgy who have been away staying as safe as possible during the pandemic. The Pastoral Council will be working to put together reopening events to help all of us reconnect as a community safely as we move into the Easter season and into what hopefully will be much better weather.

D.S.A.

The annual D.S.A. kick off begins this weekend. This year our parish's goal is \$102,722. If we surpass our goal, we will receive back 50% of the excess amount. We can reach the goal if we increase our percentage of participating households. Even a one-time gift as opposed to a pledge over several months is helpful. Please consider participating in this year's DSA and thank you as always for your generosity.

Have a blessed third week of Lent, Fr. Shaun

RCIA

On February 20 our RCIA Candidates celebrated the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Boyea at Holy Family in Grand Blanc.



Sitting next to the Bishop are siblings Tyler and Carly Foust-Christensen. Standing behind them are their parents, Stephen and Kari. Next to Stephen is Tricia Finn.

Please keep them in your prayers as they enter into the final preparations for the Easter Sacraments.

FINANCE

WEEK OF 2/28/21

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| ENV/CASH | \$ 24,553 |
| DEBT REDUCTION | \$ 625 |
| EFT/ONLINE | \$ 7,189 |
| TOTAL | \$ 32,367 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

2020 DONATION STATEMENTS

Annual donation statements for 2020 were emailed on 1/27/2021.

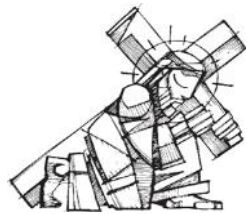
If you did not receive yours, or want a paper copy mailed to you, please contact bookkeeper@saintmarymagdalen.org or call the parish office.

Please indicate if the statement can be emailed or if you prefer to receive the statement via U.S. mail.

LENT

Lenten Formation Offerings Please look in the Ministries section of the St. MM website for Adult Formation. There is information about online opportunities and more!

Little Black Books for Lent Reflections for every day of the Lenten season are available online!
<https://www.saintmarymagdalen.org/little-books>.



Stations of the Cross

This year our Friday Stations of the Cross devotions will be available to watch on the parish website. Our worship space will also be open all day on the Fridays of Lent from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for individuals or households to visit and walk/pray the Stations together. Booklets for praying the Stations are available online on our parish website or upon request by calling the parish office.



Lenten Rosary Series

The Rosary can be prayed in many ways. Join us on four Sundays in Lent to learn more about the Rosary and to pray it together as a community. Each week will focus on a separate set of mysteries and a different way to pray it. Whether the Rosary is new to you or you have been praying it for years, this series is for you! Pray with us as we experience a pictorial Rosary, a Scriptural Rosary, a parent's Rosary, and more!

Join us on Sundays March 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 12:15pm in the Worship Space. Rosaries and instruction sheets will be available. For more information, contact Erin Wolfe.

CURRENT PARISH GUIDELINES

- ◆ Indoor weekend Liturgy celebrated in the main worship space. Masks must be worn. No assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion.
- ◆ Indoor weekday Liturgy in the main worship space celebrated minimally (i.e., no singing, no assisting liturgical ministers, socially distant seating, socially distant reception of Holy Communion). Masks must be worn.
- ◆ Drive up reception of Holy Communion, at the main entrance under the portico, will be available Saturdays 5:45—6:15 pm and Sundays 12:15—12:45 pm.
- ◆ The parish staff has normal work schedules. The parish office remains closed to visitors.
- ◆ Gatherings and meetings are held online.
- ◆ Outdoor gatherings of 10 and no more than 50 people permitted with strict social distancing.

If you have any condition that will compromise your immune system (or if you care for someone with such a condition) PLEASE STAY HOME! There is no obligation to attend Mass and there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion through May 16, 2021.

GETTING THE VACCINE

Some people have expressed moral concerns about getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Much of this is based on misinformation and lack of understanding of Catholic moral principles.

Bishops throughout the world, and the Vatican, have issued statements indicating *there is nothing immoral about receiving this vaccine*. Those who worry about the way this vaccine and other vaccines were developed do not understand that receiving the vaccine does NOT mean participating in anything immoral. In fact, it may be immoral (that is to say, not supporting the Common Good) to forego receiving the vaccine unless you have a legitimate medical reason not to receive it.

You can find the Vatican's statement on this topic by visiting this link: www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Don't Skip This Column!

Now that I have your attention, I'd like to announce two exciting activities that will be available for our parish families to participate in this month: **March Madness: Catholic Edition!** for grades 6-12 and a **Stations of the Cross Contest** for our Destined families.

March Madness: Catholic Edition!

In this year's bracket contest, instead of comparing basketball teams, contestants will be asked to vote on their favorite fish sandwiches. At the end of the month, we will crown our Lenten champion and everyone will be invited to join us for a meal from the winning restaurant (RSVP required).

Interested participants will need to download a bracket from the parish website, fill it out, and submit it to youth@saintmarymagdalen.org no later than Monday, March 8. After that, simply vote each week on the matchups. A survey link will be sent each week to participants for voting.

Stations of the Cross Contest

Next Sunday, the Destined lesson will focus on the Stations of the Cross. As part of the lesson, families will be asked to choose a station and design their own representation of it. Families will then be able to enter it in our program-wide Stations of the Cross Contest. We will create our very own stations of the cross out of the winning entries and display them in the Gathering Area during Holy Week.

If you think this is something your family would like to participate in, it is never too early to start brainstorming ideas and praying about which station your family would most like to work on! Entries can be in a variety of art mediums (Painting, photography, sculpture, models, poems, etc.)

Program Updates

- Destined Lesson 11: "The Visible and Invisible things of God" is available.
- First Eucharist Lesson 10 "We are Sent Forth to Share Love" is available on the parish website.
- If you are interested in serving as a catechist this Fall, please email youth@saintmarymagdalen.org

YOUTH MINISTRY



Which Fish Sandwich has What it Takes to be Crowned Champion?



This month, our parish youth groups (grades 6-12) will be voting on many local and national fish sandwiches in a March-Madness style tournament. Every participant will fill out their bracket and then vote each week on the matchups via an online survey.

The student with the winning bracket will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card!

Join us as we celebrate one of our most delicious Lenten traditions: Fish Fridays.

Middle School Update

Middle school students are encouraged to participate in this month's tournament! Keep an eye out for future middle school opportunities. We have big plans for reestablishing a vibrant middle school youth group at our parish!

Welcome New Members!

Brighton

Ray and Brenda Bonomo
Patrick Gregory
Jessica Manning
Denise Nesteruk
Dennis and Colleen Rourke
Mark, Mona, Noah, Ceci and Eli Shand
Scot, Leah, Teddy, Sammy and Jamie Sloan

South Lyon

Linda & Rob Prevost

CHARITY & JUSTICE

LENTEN GIVING TREE



(Due to Covid19 only Gift Cards are being accepted)

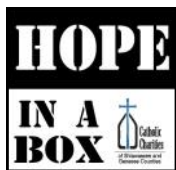
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Write the charity it goes to on the gift card

DUE: MARCH 21

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| Brighton Senior Center | \$25 MEIJER/WALMART |
| Hartland Senior Center | \$25 MEIJER |
| Howell Senior Center | \$25 MEIJER/WALMART |
| Livingston County Catholic Charities | \$25 MEIJER/WALMART |
| Magdalen's Kitchen | MEIJER / GORDEN FOOD SERVICE |
| Medilodge of Livingston | \$25 AMAZON |
| Medilodge of Howell | \$25 MEIJER/WALMART |

Put gift cards in the Lenten Tree Chest or Mail to the Office

HOPE IN A BOX



MARCH NEEDS:

Feminine Care Products
Body Wash
Shampoo
Laundry Soap
Men's Gloves

DSA 2021



"THE WORD OF GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU"

Who Believe.

The **Diocesan Services Appeal** is an opportunity to put God's word into action, to participate personally in the many good works of our Church in communion with fellow Catholics.

This weekend our parish will conduct Commitment Weekend for our **Diocesan Services Appeal**.

We will be asking each member of St. Mary Magdalen to prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to carry on Christ's work in our community through a gift to the DSA.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

CHARITY RAFFLE DRAWING -benefitting pro-life pregnancy crisis centers in Michigan

\$5 per Ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

You may purchase your Raffle Tickets in the Gathering Area this weekend or next weekend or by contacting DON POWELL at 248-410-7264 or chiefpowell@gmail.com



WELLNESS

Thank you to everyone who signed up and participated in the *Walk to Bethlehem* during Advent. The participants walked a total of 1,190 miles! We did a random prize drawing for the participants.

Congratulations to our winners, Amie Duffy and Sue Fransted! . Please watch the bulletin for future Wellness Ministry events.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 8

6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen-Carryout
7:00 pm Women's Faith Sharing-Virtual

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 pm Charity & Justice-Zoom
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School

Wednesday, March 10

5:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session
7:00 pm Marriage Ministry-Zoom

Thursday, March 11

6:30 pm Men's Faith Formation-Zoom

Friday, March 12 Stations of the Cross-Virtual

7:00 pm RCIA Scrutiny Experience

Saturday, March 13

Sunday, March 14 Destined Lesson #12 Release

9:00 am RCIA
12:00 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Session
12:15 pm Lenten Rosary Series

Senior Giving Tree in Gathering Area
Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative
Raffle Ticket Sales After all Masses 3/13 & 3/14

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.